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IN REPLY REFER TO

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June 19, 2017

Mr. Daniel DeCicco
Drager, Errante, Yavitz & Blau
116 East 27th Street, 12th Floor
New York, NY 10016

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CASE DON-NAVY-2017-007503

Dear Mr. DeCicco:

This is acknowledges receipt and is a final response to your June 13, 2017, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in which you seek asbestos abatement records about the USS LST 603 from 1947-1961.

We conducted a thorough search of this Headquarters' files, specifically those located in the Logistics, Maintenance and Industrial Operations Directorate (SEA 04). That office is responsible for maintaining the Navy Asbestos Litigation Support Office (NAVALSO) Database which contains all asbestos related documents in the possession of Navy. An extensive search of those files was conducted based on the criteria provided by you, however no records could be located about the "USS FORT MANDAN" as responsive to your request.

If you believe that this office did not conduct an adequate search, you may file an administrative appeal. Should you decide to file an appeal, it must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should contain a copy of your original requests, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you think your appeal should be granted. Attach a copy of this letter to the appeal and mark the appeal and the envelope, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Mail the original to the Department of the Navy, Office of the General Counsel, Attn: FOIA APPEALS, 1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532, Washington, DC 20350-1000. Please mail a copy of the appeal to:


Commander
Naval Sea Systems Command (SEA 00A5)
1333 Isaac Hull Ave SE
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20376-1021

As an alternative to filing an appeal, you may seek Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR). You may submit your request for ADR either to DONFOIA-PA@navy.mil or you can call the Navy FOIA Service Center at 202-685-0214 or via the following address:

Chief of Naval Operations (DNS-36)
Attn: FOIA/PA Service Center
C/O - Head, SECNAV/CNO FOIA/PA Program Office
2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-2000

If you have any questions concerning the processing of your request, please contact Ms. Ginger Dolan, at 202-781-3359.

Sincerely,


DONNA M. HAMLIN
By direction